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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up Central Integrated PestManagement Centre and Farmers Field Schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof state-wise and location-wise;

(c) the measures taken in this regard and the time by which the centre are likely to be established; and

(d) other steps being taken by the Govt. in the area of integrated pest management?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) The Government have already set up 26 Central Integrated Pest ManagementCentres (CIPMCs) in the country.So far 6506 Farmers' Field Schools have been organised invarious States/UTs. During 2000-2001, 511 Farmers' Field Schools have been organised. The State-wise and location-wise details are annexed.

(d) Following steps are being taken by the Government in the area of Integrated Pest Management:

(i) Grants-in-aid of Rs.1304.77 lakh have been provided to the States for establishment of 29 State Biocontrol Laboratories at the cost of Rs.50.00 lakh each for construction of building and procurement of equipment.

(ii) Grants-in-aid of Rs.100.00 lakh have also been provided to Project Directorate ofBiological Control, Bangalore (ICAR) for promotion of Biological Control.

(iii) Human Resource Development is being achieved by organising field trainingprogrammes. Under this, 1072 Master Trainers, 27,604 Agricultural Extension Officers and 1,95,952 farmers have been trained in IPM skills.

(iv) Eco-friendly IPM inputs like Bacillus' Trichoderma and neem based biopesticides havebeen registered under the provisions of the Insecticides Act,1968 for use in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programmes.

(v) Nineteen packages of IPM practices have been prepared and distributed to States and Union Territories for adoption.

(vi) IPM demonstrations for the benefit of farmers are being conducted with the financialassistance of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India and State Plan Schemes.